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CHAFEE SECURES \$250,000 FOR JUNIPER HILL WATER TANK

NORTH KINGSTOWN – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced \$250,000 in federal funding for the Town of North Kingstown. These funds, included in the FY05 federal spending bill, will assist in the replacement of the 66-year old Juniper Hill Water Tank – which has a history of causing water quality problems within the town's water system.

"I was pleased to play a role in helping the Town with a federal appropriation to help with ongoing improvements to your water system," said Senator Chafee. "As a former mayor, I fully know how important it is to have a safe, clean and abundant supply of drinking water."

The current tank has been in use since 1939 and has been the point of contamination for two of the three boil water advisories that have occurred in the Town in recent years. To that end, the Rhode Island State Department of Health has ordered the Town to add a chlorine disinfectant into its water system, as well as to look into replacing the Juniper Hill Tank. Replacement of the tank is estimated to cost \$1.2 million.

Senator Chafee noted that the Atlantic States Rural Water & Wastewater Associations recently named the Town's drinking water number one in the state. "Congratulations on that wonderful achievement!"

"As the new Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water, my Subcommittee will confront the challenge of shoring up our nation's aging water infrastructure. I applaud your efforts and look forward to continuing to work with the Town in the years ahead."